

WASHINGTON - Offutt Air Force Base is not the preferred site for the Air Force's new Global Strike Command. Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force, called Rep. Lee Terry, R-Neb., to inform him of the decision this morning. The preferred site will be announced later today. The Air Force said earlier this year that Offutt was a finalist for the 900-job command being created in response to two blunders the Air Force committed involving the handling of nuclear weapons. The Air Force decided to create a command strictly devoted to overseeing all Air Force nuclear operations, including all bomber and missile bases. No decision has yet been made on the 24th Air Force, a new unit devoted to cyberspace, for which Offutt also is in the running. Other bases that have been under consideration for the nuclear command are Barksdale Air Force Base, La.; F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.; Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.; Minot Air Force Base, N.D.; and Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. For more details, keep checking Omaha.com.

